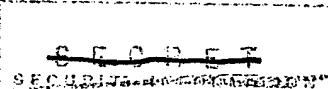


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TO : DIRECTOR

FROM : GUATEMALA CITY

ACTION: WH (PBS) (1-3)*

INFO : DCI (4), D/DCI (5), DD/P (L) (6), WH (7), A/DD/P/P (8), SA/PC/DCI (9)

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GUAT 650 (IN 10675)

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TO: OPIM S/L NC

INFO: OPIM DIR

CITE: SGUAT

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FOLLOWING FROM SEMANTIC

1. TRAVELLERS TO WSHOOFS HAD TO TURN BACK AT ESQUIPULAS BECAUSE FRONTIER HEAVILY GUARDED. THEY LEFT BY ANOTHER ROUTE ON 23 MAY. UPON THEIR ARRIVAL THEY CAN GIVE A DETAILED DESCRIPTION.

2. IT IS ENOUGH TO SAY THAT IN IGUANA THERE ARE 15 SOLDIERS ARMED WITH MACHINE GUNS PLUS THE REINFORCED POLICE WHICH PATROL THE EXITS.

3. IN GULAN THERE IS AN ESCORT OF 60 MEN.

4. STRATEGIC HILLSIDE FIELD POSTS HAVE BEEN SET UP AROUND ZACAPA. TWO SEARCHLIGHTS WITH GENERATORS HAVE BEEN SET UP IN CENTRAL PARK.

5. ONE POST IS LOCATED AT THE BARRANCO LAS MAJADAS WHERE THERE ARE TWO ARTILLERY PIECES IN CUSTODY OF 12 MEN RELIEVED EVERY 12 HOURS. THIS DETAIL IS INCREASED AT NIGHT.

6. THE OTHER AT JOGOTENCO (AT THE ENTRANCE TO SANTA LUCIA) IS MANNED BY 50 MEN WITH A STOCK OF 200 RIFLES AND FOUR OR FIVE

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MACHINE GUNS.

7. THERE ARE A TOTAL OF 280 MEN IN ZONE TWO.
8. THERE ARE AN ESTIMATED 400 RIFLES IN THE HOME OF PLUTARCO CRUZ.
9. THE ATLANTIC ROUTE IS PATROLLED BY RADIO CARS TRANSFERRED FROM THE CAPITAL.
10. CONTINUOUS AIR VIGILANCE EXERCISED OVER PUERTO BARRIOS. THE PLANES ARE EQUIPPED WITH 200 POUND BOMBS.
11. THERE IS A STRONG DETACHMENT AT ABACA.
12. TWO TRUCKLOADS MODERN EQUIPMENT SENT TO QUEZAL TENANGO.
13. BOXES WITH MARKINGS DESCRIBED PARA 2 OF GUAT 593 (IN 49063) ARE BEING TRANSFERRED TO HOMES GOVERNMENT LEADERS AND SUPPORTERS.
14. IN EL PROGRESO ALL VEHICLES ARE CAREFULLY SEARCHED. THE SAME IN OTHER CITIES BUT THIS CHANGING FROM DAY TO DAY.
15. CAPITAL POLICE USING PRIVATE CARS OR TAXIS AND STOP AND SEARCH PRIVATE CARS AT NIGHT.
16. ON 22 MAY PRACTICE HELD WITH TWO ANTIAIRCRAFT CANNONS ALREADY MOUNTED. FOLLOWING FROM [] EVAL B-2.
17. PRIVATE PLANES FORBIDDEN TO FLY OVER TERRITORY MARKED 8 TO 90 QUADRANT INCLUDING PUERTO BARRIOS, ZACAPA, POPTUN.
18. FIVE SPITFIRES ARRIVED OTHERS ARRIVING NOW (MAY BE IDENTICAL WITH P-51 PLANES MENTIONED GUAT 649 (IN 10269)).

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FOUR HUGE CRATES PROBABLY CONTAINING FUSELAGES NOW IN IRCA YARDS.
WELL GUARDED.

19. TROOPS CONSTANTLY BEING FERRIED PUERTO BARRIOS AND
RETURNING AS TRAIN GUARDS.

END OF MESSAGE

REABLE SECRETARIAT COMMENT: MR. JACOB ESTERLINE, WHO, NOTIFIED
OF RECEIPT OF THE ABOVE MESSAGE AT 1840 HOURS, 24 MAY 54.

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